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FACT SHEET

SANDERS ANNOUNCES CITY'S RECEIPT OF \$681,500 FEDERAL COPS GRANT FOR HANDHELD PDAS TO ASSIST COMMUNITY POLICING EFFORTS

MAYOR APPLAUDS EFFORTS OF CONGRESSWOMAN DAVIS; HIGHLIGHTS NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN RECENT COMMAND VEHICLE GRANT PURCHASES

Mayor Jerry Sanders today announced the receipt of \$681,500 in federal Community Oriented Policing Services grant funds that will procure handheld personal digital assistants (PDAs) for San Diego police officers. San Diego Congresswoman Susan Davis, who secured the funding for the City, presented the Mayor and Police Chief William Lansdowne with a ceremonial check for the grant amount at a morning news conference.

The Mayor also highlighted the City's recent successes in securing nearly \$1 million in federal grant funding for the purchase of four command vehicles to assist the Police Department during major incidents such as natural or manmade disasters, terrorist incidents and large-scale special events. It has been 19 years since the City last purchased command vehicles for the Police Department.

COPS FUNDED PDAS

The PDAs are designed to maximize community-policing efforts and promote field operation efficiency. They are especially effective in serving police departments like San Diego's which utilize a relatively low number of officers per capita.

The PDA units will provide:

- GPS tracking, permitting information on officer location and specific threats to be identified and positioned in the field
- Data and photo transmittal to individual officers as well as possible video streaming, enabling pictures, maps and video from helicopter pursuits to be disseminated to officers in the field to assist in the tracking of suspects
- Access to the automated regional justice information system (ARJIS) and other criminal databases

CITY'S PURCHASE OF FOUR MAJOR COMMAND VEHICLES

The City was awarded nearly \$500,000 in the form of two Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program grants which purchased a SWAT Special Equipment Vehicle and an Emergency Negotiations Team vehicle for the Police Department. The City also received in excess of \$480,000 from two Urban Area Strategic Initiative (UASI) grants which allowed for the purchase of two mobile incident command vehicle.

SWAT Special Equipment Vehicle (SEV)

- **Received:** Early 2006
- **Cost:** \$243,000
- **Funding source:** Federal government's Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)
- **Description:** 40 feet long and built on a Freightliner MT-55 frame.
- **Function:** Equipped with standardized tactical equipment and serves as the mobile command post for the unit.
- **Special features:** Doorknockers (used to break doors down), cutting torches, ballistic blankets, gas launchers, radios, a small outside workstation, whiteboards for briefing and other specialty equipment.

Mobile 1

- **Received:** January 2008
- **Cost:** \$302,828
- **Funding source:** Federal funds from the Urban Area Strategic Initiative (UASI)
- **Description:** 40 feet long and built on a Freightliner MT-55 frame.
- **Function:** Large mobile command vehicle; serves as a major incident command vehicle
- **Special features:** Eight work stations, two of which function as backup dispatch positions (dispatchers can occupy these stations to dispatch calls or coordinate an incident on the radio). One of the other positions functions as a mapping Geospatial Information Specialist (GIS) position with an electronic whiteboard display. It has internet and intranet capability.
It is also equipped with: a microwave download receiver to capture a live feed from SDPD or SDFD helicopters; 40 foot camera mast with antenna and color camera with pan, tilt, zoom capability and low light function; 30 foot light tower that retracts to the roof; Panasonic telephone system with land line capability and three cellular lines; two fax / printers and the interior has whiteboard surfaces for writing; three AC/heater units; and a slide-out that allows for a larger work area in the main working space. Additionally there is a conference area in the rear of the vehicle; and six Regional Communications System (RCS) radios which have both SDFD and SDPD frequencies to meet interoperability requirements.

Mobile 2

- **Received:** November 2007
- **Cost:** \$178,626
- **Funding source:** Federal funds from the Urban Area Strategic Initiative (UASI)
- **Description:** Approximately 26 feet long and built on a Chevy workhorse frame.
- **Function:** Small mobile command vehicle; serves as an incident command vehicle
- **Special features:** The vehicle has four work stations with internet and intranet capability. Equipment inside the vehicle includes: printer / fax, two monitors, and whiteboard interior walls.

Emergency Negotiations Team (ENT) Vehicle

- **Received:** Scheduled for delivery in June 2008
- **Cost:** \$256,194
- **Funding source:** Federal government's Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)
- **Description:** 40 feet long and built on a Freightliner MT-55 frame
- **Function:** Facilitate emergency negotiations during critical events
- **Special features:** It will be equipped with workstations and communications equipment.